

Docket No.: 065933-0058



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Yasunori YOSHIMOTO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 2140
Application No.: 10/725,215	:	Group Art Unit: 1745
Filed: December 02, 2003	:	Examiner: G. Cantelmo
For: SEPARATOR FOR FUEL CELL AND FUEL CELL THEREWITH	:	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated June 13, 2006, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of one of the following:

- Group I. Claims 1-11 and 30, drawn to a separator and fuel cell/separator combination, classified in class 429, subclass 34;
- Group II. Claims 12-18, drawn to a fuel cell separator with a reaction fluid inlet configuration, classified in class 429, subclass 38;
- Group III. Claims 20-24, drawn to a separator and fuel cell with a tie rod notch, classified in class 429, subclass 34;
- Group IV. Claim 25, drawn to a PEM having reactant apertures with a varied opening sizes, classified in class 429, subclass 35; or
- Group V. Claims 26-29, drawn to PEM having a header, classified in class 429, subclass 33.

In response Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1 through 11 and 30, (Group I).

Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 11 and 30 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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